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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO COMMIT UP TO \$2 MILLION TO CONTRACT NO. 16-031-300 (VENTURA RIVER WATERSHED MODELING CONTRACT) BETWEEN THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) mission is to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations. The State Water Board is also responsible for the protection of resources, such as fisheries, wildlife, aesthetics, and navigation, which are held in trust for the public;
2. Under Action 4 of the California Water Action Plan (WAP), the State Water Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are working to enhance flow in at least five streams statewide. As part of this and other similar efforts, the State Water Board is considering how any additional instream flows necessary to protect public trust resources may impact other beneficial uses of water;
3. In June 2017, the State Water Board executed Contract No. 16-031-300 (Ventura River Watershed Modeling Contract), a three-year, \$750,000 contract, with Geosyntec Consultants to develop hydrology and water quality models for the Ventura River watershed, one of the five stream systems selected for the WAP effort;
4. The State Water Board intends to amend the contract with Geosyntec Consultants for additional research necessary for comprehensive bedrock aquifer modeling, research and modeling of the hydrologic effects of the Thomas Fire, increased stakeholder outreach, and model software training for State Water Board and Regional Water Board staff;
5. The amendments would require: (a) commitment of up to a total of \$2 million; and (b) extension of the contract term to six years; and
6. Execution, amendment, and associated implementation of the contract are appropriate for redelegation by the Executive Director.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director:

- 1) To amend Contract No. 16-031-300 to extend the period of the contract for up to six (6) years and to increase the contract amount up to \$2 million for additional research necessary for comprehensive bedrock aquifer modeling, research and modeling of the

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hydrologic effects of the Thomas Fire, increased stakeholder outreach, and model software training for State Water Board and Regional Water Board staff.

- 2) To perform all the acts and implement all measures necessary to fulfill the objectives of Contract No. 16-031-300, provided that the contract funds are encumbered and expended in accordance with Government Code section 16304.
- 3) To redelegate this authority, as appropriate.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on November 6, 2018.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board